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1. The strength of the 591 North Korean Army Unit in early May 1951 was 2,034 men in the following distribution by rank and unit: Headquarters, 39 privates, 19 corporals, six junior lieutenants, seven lieutenants, five senior lieutenants, two captains, four majors, and one lieutenant colonel; three battalions, numbered 1, 2, and 3, each with 585 privates, 30 corporals, 27 sergeants, one master sergeant, five junior lieutenants, one lieutenant, one senior lieutenant, and one captain.
2. For equipment, the unit had 430 Mosin rifles, of which five were at headquarters and 135 in each of the three battalions; 259 PPSH, nine at headquarters and 81 at each battalion; 1,395 hand grenades, 23 at headquarters and 459 at each battalion; 71 pistols, 20 at headquarters and 17 in each battalion; three light machine guns at headquarters and one in each battalion; two heavy machine guns at headquarters and one in each battalion; and one 76mm gun at headquarters.
3. Officers of the unit included the following, all members of the North Korean Labor Party:

Regimental commander, Lt. Colonel YI Han-uk (李漢根), aged 40, from South Hamgyong; middle school education.

Chief of the Political Section, Major KIM Chi-hu (金致學), aged 45, from South Hamgyong; middle school education.

Chief of the Rear Section, Major SANG Hak-yŏl (尚學烈), aged 50, from North Pyongan; primary school education.

Chief of Staff, Major O Chŏn-sik (吳天植), aged 28, from Hwanghae; middle school education.

Operations Staff, Captain KIM Sŏng-se (金成瑞), aged 28, from North Pyongan; primary school education.

Chief of Officer Section, Senior Lt. YO Sŏk-tam (盧石談), aged 30, from Hwanghae; middle school education.

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Chief of Enlisted Personnel Section, Senior Lt. HAN Song-chun (韓成俊),
aged 24, from North Hamgyong; middle school education.

Party instructor, Senior Lt. KIM Hun-to (金勳道), aged 31, from South Hamgyong;
middle school education.

Political propaganda, Senior Lt. KIM Kwang-hun (金光勳), aged 35, from South
Pyongan; primary school education.

Deputy chief of staff, Senior Lt. KIM Man-kyun (金萬均), aged 25, from South
Hamgyong; middle school education.

Chief of the Control Section of the Officer Section, Captain KIM Ung-chin (金
興珍), aged 30, from South Hamgyong; primary school education.

4. Two officers associated with this unit but whose positions were not exactly de-
fined were Lt. Colonel KIM Song-hwan (金成煥), aged 32, chief of the Guard
Section, from South Hamgyong, with a middle school education, and Senior Lt. KIM
IL (金一), chief of the Hwanghae Province Labor Party, from North Pyongan,
with a middle school education.

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